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Dear Secretary Dortch,

This is a public comment for WC ^{FCC Mail Room} Docket Number 12-375.

I am a prisoner in Arizona and am writing about the exceedingly high prices for in-state phone calls. I try to maintain strong family ties even while in prison. That I must try to keep these family ties strong in 15 minute increments is hard enough. Add to that the extremely high costs for such a short call makes it even more difficult.

My mother is recovering from an almost-fatal car accident in Payson, AZ, in which she suffered a broken back and pelvis. She is a strong woman who took on the responsibility of raising my niece, her now 13 year old granddaughter. She struggles financially but manages to get by week to week. The burden of these phone call charges only adds to her hardships. Each time I call her it costs about \$6.00 for only 15 minutes. I feel guilty and burdensome that my mother has to sacrifice funds ^{for my phone calls} that would otherwise be used for her and my niece.

It makes no sense that interstate calls are capped at a much lower price than intrastate calls. These phone companies are feeding on the families of the incarcerated with their high charges and ancillary fees. A mother's love knows no bounds. The companies know this and take advantage by charging ridiculous prices. 0

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I ask that something be done about this. It is important that the incarcerated maintain communication with their loved ones and so it would make sense to reduce the charges to a fair price.

Thank you,
Adrien J. Espinoza
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P.S. I believe the company contracted by ADC is Securus, who, incredibly, charge \$8.00 every time my mother ~~puts~~ deposits funds into our prepaid phonecall account. If she deposits \$30.00, only \$22.00 is available to use for our calls. Those ancillary charges are ridiculous! If my mother deposits \$24.00, thirty-three percent of that deposit it deducted immediately! That's insane!